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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 CONCELY MENDEZ ROJAS, et al.,

9 Petitioners,

10 v.

11 LOREN K. MILLER, et al.,

12 Respondents.

C21-1647 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

13 THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon a complaint for declaratory and
14 injunctive relief (in the nature of mandamus) concerning I-730 petitions for three alien
15 relatives. Having reviewed the complaint in this matter, the Court concludes that this
16 proceeding is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Federal Rule of Civil
17 Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) and the initial conference requirements of Federal Rule of Civil
18 Procedure 26(f). See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i).

19 To facilitate entry of an appropriate scheduling order in this matter, and pursuant
20 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Civil Rule 16, counsel are directed to
21 confer and to file a JOINT STATUS REPORT by March 14, 2022. The conference
22 among counsel shall be by direct and personal communication, whether via face-to-face
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1 meeting or telephonic conference. The Joint Status Report must contain the following
2 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:

3 1. A concise statement of the positions of the parties concerning the relief
4 requested in the complaint.

5 2. A summary of the procedural posture of the case and/or the status of the
6 proceedings before the federal agency at issue, including whether final agency action has
7 occurred or is expected to occur in the near future.

8 3. A proposed deadline for filing the administrative record.

9 4. A proposed deadline for filing dispositive motions.

10 5. An indication whether trial will be required in this matter and, if so, an
11 indication (i) when the matter will be ready for trial; (ii) whether such trial will be jury or
12 non-jury; and (iii) how long such trial is anticipated to take.

13 6. An indication whether the parties agree that a full-time Magistrate Judge
14 may conduct all proceedings, including trial and the entry of judgment, under 28 U.S.C.
15 § 636(c) and Local Rule MJR 13. The Magistrate Judge who will be assigned the case is
16 the Honorable Brian A. Tsuchida. Agreement in the Joint Status Report will constitute
17 the parties' consent to reassignment of the case and to proceed before Magistrate Judge
18 Tsuchida.

19 7. An indication whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before a
20 scheduling order is entered in this case. If the parties are unable to agree on any part of
21 the Joint Status Report, they may answer in separate paragraphs. **No separate reports**
22 **are to be filed.**

1 The time for filing the Joint Status Report may be extended only by court order.
2 Any request for extension should be made by telephone to chambers. If the parties wish
3 to have a status conference with the Court at any time during the pendency of this action,
4 they should contact chambers. Finally, if this matter is resolved by further agency action
5 or settled, the parties shall immediately notify chambers. Chambers may be reached at
6 206-370-8830.

7 This Minute Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the
8 Clerk to counsel for plaintiffs/petitioners and any defendants/respondents who have
9 appeared. Plaintiffs'/Petitioners' counsel is directed to serve copies of this Minute Order
10 on all parties who appear after this Minute Order is filed, within fourteen (14) days of
11 receipt of service of each appearance. Plaintiffs'/Petitioners' counsel will be responsible
12 for starting the communications needed to comply with this Minute Order.

13 Failure by any party to fully comply with this Minute Order may result in the
14 imposition of sanctions, including dismissal of the case.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated this 13th day of December, 2021.

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18 Ravi Subramanian
Clerk

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20 s/Gail Glass
Deputy Clerk